

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image reader comprising:

a document table having a platen plate which is made from
a translucent member and placed in an upper surface of said
5 document table;

a document table cover supported at an upper end of said
document table in a pivotable manner;

a first image sensor which is provided in said document
table and actuated in parallel with said platen plate by means
10 of a sensor drive mechanism;

a document moving mechanism for causing a document to move
along a document transport path formed in said document table
cover; and

a second image sensor fixed to said document table cover
15 so as to be situated at a position above said document transport
path,

wherein a track of said document which moves through said
document transport path passes through a scan point, which is
a focal point of said first image sensor achieved when said first
20 image sensor is situated at a standby position.

2. The image reader according to claim 1, wherein a
portion of said document transport path located downstream from
said scan point is divided into a first path and a second path;
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transport switching means is disposed at a location where said document transport path is divided, in order to switch said track of said document moving through said document transport path between said first and second paths.

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3. The image reader according to claim 2, wherein said first path is formed in parallel or substantially in parallel to said track of said document transport path at a position upstream of said scan point; and

10 said second path is formed so as to be turned upward.

4. The image reader according to claim 2, further comprising:

15 document thickness detection means which is disposed upstream of said scan point and detects the thickness of said document to move through said document transport path; and

control means performing control operation for switching said transport switching means to said first path when the thickness of said document detected by said document thickness
20 detection means is greater than a predetermined threshold value and for switching said transport switching means to said second path when the thickness of said document detected by said document thickness detection means is smaller than said predetermined threshold value.

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5. The image reader according to claim 3, further comprising:

document thickness detection means which is disposed upstream of said scan point and detects the thickness of said document to move through said document transport path; and

control means performing control operation for switching said transport switching means to said first path when the thickness of said document detected by said document thickness detection means is greater than a predetermined threshold value and for switching said transport switching means to said second path when the thickness of said document detected by said document thickness detection means is smaller than said predetermined threshold value.

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